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SUBJ: CONSULTATION WITH SENEGALESE ON KEY ISSUES

AT 29TH UNGA

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS DISCUSSED ISSUES OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, KOREA, MIDDLE EAST, LDC STEAM-ROLLER TACTICS, AND CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUITES WITH OFFICIALS OF SENEGALESE FONMINISTRY. MOST IMPORTANT REVELATION AT MEETING WAS DEPTH OF SENEGALESE COMMITMENT TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR, DCM AND POL OFFICER MET WITH

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DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS-NOW ALSO DIRECTEUR DU

CABINET- OF FONMINISTRY, YOUSSEPH SYLLA AND SAMBA MBODJ,
CHIEF OF THE UN DIV. ON SEPT 4, TO DISCUSS
SEVERAL KEY ISSUES WHICH WE EXPECT ARISE AT 29TH UNGA.

2. ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, TWO SIDES AGREED THAT
THEY HAD SIMILAR POLICY OF GIVING PORTUGAL TIME TO
BRING ABOUT PEACEFUL TRANSITION ITS COLONIES TO
INDEPENDENCE. SYLLA SAID GOOD FAITH OF PORTUGUESE
UNQUESTIONABLE ("INDISCUTABLE"). WITH REGARD TO CAPE
VERDES ISLANDS HE OPINED THAT CAPE VERDIANS MUST
DETERMINE THEMSELVES THEIR FUTURE RELATIONSHIP WITH
GUINEA-BISSAU. HE IMPLIED, HOWEVER, THAT HE EXPECTED
SOME LINK BETWEEN TWO POLITICAL ENTITIES.

3. ON KOREAN ISSUE, AMBASSADOR AGGREY SUGGESTED, PER
REFTEL, VALUE OF POSTPONING DEBATE AT UN. SYLLA
REITERATED VIEW REPORTED DAKAR 4873 THAT HE PERSONALLY
WOULD WELCOME POSTPONEMENT BUT LEFT OPEN HOW SENEGAL
MIGHT VOTE ON THAT QUESTION. HE ACCEPTED THAT SECURITY
COUNCIL, NO UNGA, WOULD HAVE FINAL SAY ON WHETHER UN
COMMAND RETAINED IN KOREA AND THAT KOREA HAD SOVEREIGN
RIGHT REQUEST FOREIGN TROOPS BE STATIONED ON ITS
TERRITORY. HE NOTED THAT WHEN UN FORCES HAD BEEN
REMOVED FROM EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI FRONTIER IN 1967 IT PROVED
BE PRELUDE TO WAR. SYLLA FELT THAT NORTH KOREA COULD NOT
BE PERSUADED JOIN UN SEPARATELY FROM SOUTH KOREA
BUT THAT SOUTH KOREA COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO
ACCEPT FEDERATION ON NORTH KOREAN TERMS. SYLLA ALSO
REMARKED, PROBABLY ALLUDING TO SENGHOR'S VISIT TO NORTH
KOREA EARLIER THIS YEAR, THAT SENEGAL "THEORETICALLY"
FAVORS NORTH KOREA.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, SYLLA NOTED AMBASSADOR'S VIEW THAT
NEGOTIATING PROCESS MIGHT BE JEOPARDIZED BY POLEMICAL
DEBATES IN UN. WITHOUT DISPUTING THAT VIEW, HE PROCEEDED
EXPOUND ON PLIGHT OF PALESTINIANS AND EXPRESS OPINION
THAT SOLUTION PALESTINIAN PROBLEM WAS NOT ONLY KEY TO
SOLUTION OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT BUT MOST PRESSING NEED
FROM HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW. ON BASIS HIS CONTACTS
WITH PLO, HE SEEMED THINK THAT IN "FIRST PHASE"
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PALESTINIANS WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH STATE COMPRISING
GAZA AND WEST BANK JORDAN RIVER, SYLLA ALSO SAID
RESOLUTION 242 UNJUSTLY REFERRED TO PALESTINIANS AS
REFUGEES AND POINTED OUT THAT ORIGINAL 1947 RES. ON
MIDDLE EAST HAD ENVISAGED TWO STATES IN PALESTINE.

5. ON LDC STEAMROLLER TACTICS, AMBASSADOR STRESSED POINT
THAT US IN ANXIOUS TO BE CONSULTED AT ALL STAGES OF UNGA.

HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SPIRIT OF CONSULTATION WOULD CHARACTERIZE NEGOTIATIONS IN STORE ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES. SYLLA SEEMED BE PARTICULARLY RECEPTIVE TO PRINCIPLE CONSULTATIONS AND SAID SENEGALESE WOULD BE GLAD CONSULT WITH US. HE SAID HE BELIEVED PERIOD LDC-DC CONFRONTATION WAS PASSING AND PERIOD INTERDEPENDENCE BEGINNING. HE REPEATED WHAT HE HAD TOLD US EARLIER; THAT HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY SPIRITY OF COOPERATION AT ECOSOC MEETING IN GENEVA THIS SUMMER. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE REPEATEDLY CAME BACK TO NEED CARRY OUT PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND TO NECESSITY FOR DCS WITHDRAW RESERVATIONS THEY WERE CONTINUALLY MAKING WITH REGARD THAT PROGRAM. HE SAID FAILURE OF DCS LIVE UP TO GOALS SET FOR SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, IN PARTICULAR ASSISTANCE TARGET OF ONE PERCENT GNP, HAD PROVED NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WAS REQUIRED. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT THAT EFFECTIVE RESOLUTION WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS REQUIRED COMPROMISES BETWEEN DCS AND LDCS PRECISELY ON THOSE ISSUES WITH WHICH DCS HAD RESERVED THEIR POSITION WHEN ACQUIESCING IN CONSENSUS ON ACTION PROGRAM. SYLLA REPLIED THAT IT WAS POSITION HIS GOVT THAT AMICABLE SOLUTION THESE ISSUES POSSIBLE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

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6. ON RELATED ISSUE SYLLA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO MARRY FRENCH AND AMERICAN RESOLUTIONS ON RAW MATERIALS WHICH WERE PRESENTED AT SUMMER ECOSOC IN GENEVA. SYLLA SAID COMBINED RESOLUTION SHOULD DO MORE THAN STUDY SUPPLY SITUATION. IT SHOULD TREAT QUESTION OF STABLE AND REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR LDC EXPORTS AND RELATION PRICES LDC EXPORTS TO PRICES MANUFACTURES IMPORTED BY LDCS.

7. IN COURSE DISCUSSION ON LDC STEAMROLLER TACTICS IN UNGA, SYLLA ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF AFRICA ON UN SECURITY COUNCIL. HE SAID SITUATION IN WORLD HAD CHANGED GREATLY SINCE FOUNDATION OF UN. FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN HAD LOST THEIR COLONIES. AFRICAN STATES AND MANY OTHER LDCS HAD BECOME INDEPENDENT. LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE WAS THAT AFRICA SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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PERMANENT SEAT ON US SECURITY COUNCIL. HE THOUGHT SEAT MIGHT ROTATE BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES WITH INCUMBENT BEING SELECTED BY OAU FOR EACH TURN. SEAT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO NON-PERMANENT SEAT NOW HABITUALLY OCCUPIED BY AFRICAN STATE ON SECURITY COUNCIL BY GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF GOS INTENDED MAKE PROPOSAL TO THIS EFFECT AT 29TH UNGA. SYLLA REPLIED SENEGAL WOULD BRING MATTER UP IF JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR CHARTER REVISION CAME TO FLOOR.

8. SYLLA SAID THAT TOPICS WHICH SENEGAL WISHED DISCUSS WERE SAHEL DROUGHT, LAW OF SEA, WORLD DEMOGRAPHIC AND FOOD PROBLEMS, AND RAW MATERIALS. AMBASSADOR SAID WE WOULD BE GLAD GIVE OUR VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS AT NEXT MEETING-DATE OF WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN SET. WE PLAN LET SYLLA TAKE LEAD ON DISCUSSING SAHEL IN UN CONTEXT. WE WILL ALSO CONFIRM OUR SUPPORT FOR UN AID TO SAHEL, BE PREPARED DISCUSS CURRENT AND PROJECTED US SAHEL RELIEF AID, AND REITERATE OUR WILLINGNESS CONSIDER SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO OMVS. ON LOS WE INTEND TO REVIEW US POSITIONS ON FISHING, DEEP SEABED MINING, ECONOMIC ZONE, AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND COMPARE THEM WITH SENEGALESE VIEWS WHICH WE HOPE TO ELICIT

FROM NEWLY RETURNED LOS DEL. ON FOOD AND POPULATIONS
WE INTEND SET FORTH US ROLE PER PARA 24 REFTTEL
AND REPORTS IN WIRELESS FILE ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE.

9. ACTION REQUESTED:DEPT REQUESTED PROVIDE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR USE IN FURTHER CONSULTATIONS
WITH GOS:

A. WHAT IS DEPT'S POSITION ON EXPANSION OF
SECURITY COUNCIL? ON ADDITION OF PERMANENT AFRICAN SEAT
TO COUNCIL?

B. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER ELABORATION ON
SUBSTANCE OF FRENCH AND AMERICAN RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED
TO ECOSOC, PER PARA 29 REFTTEL, PARTICULARLY US POSITION
ON OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF FRENCH RESOLUTION. DOES
US ACCEPT LDC CONTENTIONS WITH REGARD DETERIORATING TERMS OF
TRADE? IF NOT, HOW DO WE REFUTE THEIR CONTENTIONS? WHAT
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ALTERNATIVES TO LINKAGE BETWEEN RAW MATERIALS AND COST OF
MAUFACTURES IMPORTED BY LDCA DOES US PROPOSE
TO ALLEVIATE TRADE PROBLEMS OF LDCA.

C. DOES DEPT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON POSITIONS
TAKEN BY SENEGALESE DEL AT LOS CONFERENCE OR ANY
SPECIFIC POINTS IT WISHES US TO MAKE TO GOS WITH REGARD
LOS?

D. IF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE PROVIDED,
EMBASSY ALSO PLANS TO RAISE WITH SENEGALESE QUESTION
OF STRENGTHENING UN DISASTER RELIEF OFFICE. WHAT HAS
UNDRO ACCOMPLISHED SO FAR? HAS IT HAD ANY ROLE WITH
REGARD TO SAHEL DEROUGHT PROBLEMS? HOW DOES IT RELATE
TO OFFICE SAHEL RECOVERY OPERATION (OSRO) WHICH WAS SET UP
AS CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFO ON SAHEL RELIEF? HOW MIGHT
UNDRO RELATE TO SAHEL DISASTER IN FUTURE: DO
WE EXPECT THAT EVENTUALLY IT WOULD COORDINATE DISASTER
RELIEF RESPONSE BY UN ORGANIZATIONS ONLY OR WOULD IT HAVE
COORDINATION ROLE INCLUDING OTHER MAJOR DONORS AS WELL?

E. RECOGNIZE IT MAY BE DIFFICULT FOR DEPT PROVIDE
THOROUGH CABLED RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS BUT
HOPE THAT ANY TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSE COULD BE
SUPPLEMENTED WITH POUCHED MATERIALS.
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